

FRENCH TRANSPORT IS SUNK

MANY ARE KILLED AND INJURED IN AIR RAID ON LONDON

SOLDIERS ARE SAVED WHEN SHIP GOES DOWN

SOME OF CREW MISSING; BRIEF DISPATCH DOES NOT EXPLAIN DETAILS.

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, DEC. 19.—TEUTONS STORMED THE ITALIAN POSITIONS ON MONTE ASOLONE AND CAPTURED TWO THOUSAND SOLDIERS. THE WAR OFFICE ANNOUNCED.

COAL FAMINE NOT FAULT OF ROADS

HEAD OF RAILROAD WAR BOARD DEFENDS EFFICIENCY OF TRANSPORTATION.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Coal shortage in various parts of the country "cannot fairly be attributed altogether to lack of transportation," says a statement issued here by Fairfax Harrison, chairman of the railroad war board. The problem is primarily one of distribution, "for which the public must share the responsibility," the statement declares.

Figures showing that the railroads of the country had hauled approximately 61,000,000 tons more coal from April to November, inclusive, than they did in the same period last year, were contained in the statement, which follows:

"Reports of shortage of coal are being published from many parts of the country. This is due chiefly to the enormous increase in the demands for coal and to other causes, but it cannot fairly be attributed altogether to lack of transportation.

"The railroads' appeal from the general statement being made upon this subject to the incontrovertible facts in the records of the railroads show not only that the coal operators have produced more coal than ever before, but that in the eight months, April to November, inclusive, the railroads have hauled and delivered 175,986 more carloads, or about 10,000,000 more tons of anthracite than in the same months of 1916. This was an increase of 15 per cent over the best record ever previously made.

"The records show that in the same months the railroads have hauled 925,691 more carloads, or about 51,000,000 more tons, of bituminous coal than in the corresponding period of 1916. This was an increase of 13 per cent over the best record previously made."

THOMAS M'MANUS, who is operating at Goldyke, north of Tonopah, arrived this morning.

424 Warships Being Built For U. S. Navy Testifies Daniels Before Committee

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Secretary Daniels today told the house investigation committee that the navy is building 424 capital and other ships. He said the submarine chasers were regarded as a necessity, but there was "no great enthusiasm" about them as a permanent effective weapon.

Naval aviation, he said, is hampered by lack of manufacturing facilities. Ordnance manufacturers told the senate war investigating committee the war department's decision to modify the Enfield type delayed the supplying of rifles and they can not resume maximum production before May because of factory machinery changes. One testified his company hesitated to take the contract in absence of definite congressional appropriations.

An official of the Remington company testified the modified rifle and American ammunition are regarded as superior to British types. He declared the change a "very wise move," notwithstanding the delay in production.

Regarding machine guns, manufacturers said the new Browning gun is the "finest they had ever seen."

Secretary Daniels told the house committee that one of the most thrilling chapters of the war will be regarding young men who served on gun crews on our merchantmen and risked their lives.

The manufacturers said they spent a million anticipating the government's war needs, but the army ordnance bureau had refused to act.

Police On Trail of Those Guilty of Dynamite Blast

(By Associated Press.)
SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 19.—The police today said they expected developments to result in arrests "shortly" in connection with the executive mansion explosion investigation. Two men are under surveillance. The governor said the "attempted dynamiting" was probably an act of "terrorism," which is the "weapon of alien enemies."

BIG POLICE GRAFT IN CHICAGO IS BARED

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Thomas Costello, self-confessed manager of the police graft system under the regime of former Chief Healy, today testified he delivered \$13,900 to Healy in fifteen months as his "share," which averaged \$100 weekly.

NEW REGULATIONS TO SAVE WHEAT

16,000,000 BUSHELS OF PRECIOUS GRAIN GAINED BY NEW MILLING.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—New regulations prescribing the amount of wheat to be used by millers of the United States in manufacturing flour, detailing the manner in which the prices of mill feeds shall be determined and which are calculated to effect a saving of more than 16,000,000 bushels wheat during the present crop year, were announced here by the milling division of the federal food administration.

The establishment of maximum prices for mill feeds relative to the cost of wheat is expected to result in a marked reduction in their price and it is hoped this will operate to lower the price of milk and other dairy products.

"Increasing difficulties of transportation," and "the uncertainty of the future" emphasize the importance of providing surpluses of what against future needs and constitute the reasons for the new regulations, a statement issued by the milling division says.

Agricultural reports indicating the harvesting of large quantities of all kinds of cereals during the present year determined the present as the proper time—"a time of plenty"—in which measures should be taken to safeguard future needs, it states, adding: "Proceeding on this theory, the food administration is making every effort to effect a maximum saving in wheat products to the end that ample supplies may be available for home, war and allied requirements."

Restrictions imposed by the new rulings, it is declared, will not seriously change the present quality of flour nor inconvenience the consuming public.

ALLAN RIVES, auditor of the Pittsburg Silver Peak Mining company, returned from Blair this morning.

BLAME PLACED FOR DISEASE IN CAMPS

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Insufficient clothing, overcrowded and bad sanitary conditions are held largely responsible for disease epidemics at Camp Bowie, Tex., Camp Funston, Kas., Camp Poniphan, Okla., and Camp Sevier, S. C., by Surgeon General Gorgas, in reports to Secretary Baker, just made public on the result of his personal inspection of the camps.

Except at Camp Funston, none of the camp base hospitals has been completed. General Gorgas says this is handicapping the medical officers in treating patients. He recommends the rushing of this work, particularly the installation of the necessary plumbing.

General Gorgas points out that practically all the disease is brought to the camp by incoming men and recommends the establishment of observation camps for all newcomers so that they may be observed for such time as the division surgeon shall deem necessary. To aid sanitary conditions he recommends that fifty square feet of floor space be furnished for each man in all camps. In some cases now only twenty feet is provided.

WOULD BUY BUILDINGS.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The first report of the public buildings commission recommended the expenditure of more than \$158,000,000 for land and buildings to house all the government's activities in Washington. The government is now paying \$1,000,000 in rentals for private buildings.

TO TEACH GIRL FARMERS.

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—The Woman's National Farm and Garden association announced today it would train hundreds of girls to replace men on the farms next summer. Experimental farms will be donated for teaching.

CONGRESS CLOSES FOR VACATION

MUCH ACCOMPLISHED IN BRIEF SESSION; SOME BIG MATTERS HELD OVER.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Congress closed down yesterday for a holiday vacation, leaving behind a series of investigations to proceed during the recess. Both houses adjourned until Thursday, January 3, when war legislation is to take the forefront of the calendar.

In the last day's business the senate took final action toward submission to the states of a national prohibition amendment to the constitution, ordered two new investigations—into railroad legislation and the merchant shipbuilding situation—and arranged for disposal of the coal and oil land leasing bill on January 7. The house passed the resolution.

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LATE NEWS

3:30 Dispatches

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—President Babst of the American Sugar Refining company testified the car shortage is largely responsible for the sugar shortage, and is not due to attempts of refiners to manipulate supplies or prices. Babst said General Manager Rolph of the California Hawaiian company and another refiner offered to let Claus Spreckles have 25,000 tons at the basic price in refutation of Spreckles' claim that they refused to let supplies come east.

TO COMMANDER ALCOHOL.

(By Associated Press.)
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HIGHER RIVER RATES.

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 19.—The railroad commission today granted permission to transportation companies operating river boats between San Francisco and Sacramento to increase class and commodity rates 15 per cent.

Wilson Appeals For Labor Peace

CO-OPERATION BETWEEN EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYED ESSENTIAL TO VICTORY.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 19.—A strong appeal for perfect organization of America's industrial forces and greater co-operation between employer and employee was sounded by William B. Wilson, secretary of labor, in an address at a public mass meeting here last night.

"A tremendous amount of material is necessary to properly equip our armies at the front and to secure this equipment will require the most perfect organization of our forces at home and the highest possible standard of efficiency," Secretary Wilson declared. "It will require that our industrial disputes be abandoned at least until after the war, not by the process of crushing the worker or the employer into submission, but by the process of doing justice to both and to the public at large."

Mr. Wilson declared that the attitude of mind of the employer and employee had been the cause of considerable industrial unrest.

"And as soon as both realize that our institutions are at stake in the issues of this war and that sacrifice on the part of everyone for the common good is the great essential duty, an adjustment of disputes can be effected."

BIG STRIDES BY THE RED CROSS

INDICATIONS THAT PACIFIC DIVISION WILL MAKE REQUIRED QUOTA.

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 19.—Reports received at the headquarters of the Pacific division, including California and Nevada, indicate that tremendous strides are being made towards the division's 467,000 quota in the Christmas Red Cross drive for new members.

SAN FRANCISCO VOTES AGAINST ANARCHISM

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 19.—The effort to recall District Attorney Fickert because of his operations in the trials of Mooney and the other preparedness bomb defendants, failed. He was retained in office at yesterday's election by a large majority over his opponents.

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German Planes Bomb British Towns at Night

Defending Machines Account For Enemy in Thrilling Sky Fight

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 19.—Ten were killed and seventy injured in London last night when German airplanes raided England. Five were hurt outside of London.

One and possibly two of the raiders were destroyed. Sixteen to twenty planes participated in the raid. Five of them bombed London. All British counter-attacking airplanes returned safely. After the main attack a single raider flew over London.

The anti-aircraft guns hit one of the raiders, which dropped into the sea off Kent. An armed trawler rescued two of the crew of three. A British pilot fired two drums of ammunition into one of the raiders 13,000 feet above London.

Several fires occurred. The material damage was not serious. Military and naval establishments were undamaged.

TEXT OF U. S. TREATY PLEASES THE SWISS

(By Associated Press.)
BERNE, Dec. 18.—(Tuesday)—The text of the new commercial treaty with the United States, published in Switzerland today, caused an excellent impression. Newspapers expressed the warmest gratitude of the Swiss to President Wilson and Americans. The Bund says America "acted toward Switzerland as a real friend."

HUGE ACREAGE SEEDED FOR WHEAT THIS YEAR

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—A total of 42,170,000 acres of wheat was sown this fall for next year's harvest. This is the largest acreage ever planted and forecasts a crop of 540,000,000 bushels. The condition was 79.3 per cent of normal on December 1. The area was 4 per cent more than in 1916.

The rye area was increased 34.6 per cent, to 6,115,000 acres. The rye condition is 84.1 per cent of normal. The department of agriculture urged farmers to increase rye and wheat sowing to supply our co-belligerents. Planting conditions and early growth of the crop will not be of the best. Drought delayed germination and prevented plowing and seeding in some sections. The November rainfall was 25 per cent below normal in the principal winter wheat belt.

I. W. W. CHARGED WITH DESTROYING TIMBER

(By Associated Press.)
SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 19.—Thomas Tracey, acquitted of murder charges in connection with the I. W. W. raid on Everett last spring, was convicted in the federal court of conspiracy to destroy national forest timber. Officials claimed Tracey and three others set fire to the underbrush.

SLEUTHS SEARCH HOMES FOR HOARDED SUGAR

(By Associated Press.)
NEWPORT, Dec. 19.—United States secret service agents searched the homes of many wealthy families on reports the government received that sugar had been hoarded. None was found.

FRANKBAROUX SHOT.

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 19.—Frank Daroux, a politician, was shot twice in the back yesterday by his former wife, Mrs. Teresa W. Daroux, in a street in the downtown district where the two had met and talked for a short time. Mrs. Daroux was arrested. The police said Daroux had started to walk away from the woman when she began to fire at him, one of the shots going wild. Daroux recently secured a divorce from Mrs. Daroux in one of the most sensational and bitterly contested cases ever tried before a San Francisco court.

BASEBALL SURPRISE.

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Charles Weegman, president of the Chicago National league baseball club, announced last night at a dinner to Grover Alexander that he was preparing two more baseball surprises which would be on a par with his recent purchases of Alexander and Kilfer from Philadelphia.

BUTLER THEATRE

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TOMORROW

Dorothy Dalton, in "The Ten of Diamonds"